

REMARKS

Claims 25-38 remain pending in the present application. Claim 25 has been amended. Claim 31 has been cancelled. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed.

DRAWINGS

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: "124" (see page 10, line 8). Reference numeral 124 is shown at the top of page 3 of 5 of the drawings (Figure 4). On page 3 of 5 of the drawings, the reference numeral is located immediately below the "3/5" indication on the sheet of drawings. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Applicant believes the drawings as shown in Figures 4-6 clearly show the different angular amounts of the scroll wraps. Referring to Figure 4, scroll wrap 72 has an inner end which begins at about three o'clock. The scroll wrap extends through three full turns and then ends at about seven o'clock adjacent the reference numeral 60. Scroll wrap 60 begins at about nine o'clock. The scroll wrap extends through two full turns and then ends at about seven o'clock or at about the same point as scroll wrap 72. Thus, scroll wrap 72 extends about 180° further than scroll wrap 60. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

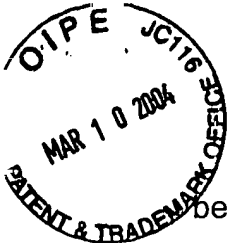
Claims 35 and 31 are objected to because of informalities. Claim 25 and the limitations of Claim 31 which have been incorporated into Claim 25 have been amended to overcome the objection. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 25-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Kuroiwa (Publication Number JP 2001-050181). Claim 31 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 31 depended on Claim 25. The limitations of Claim 31 have been amended to overcome the Examiner's objection and these limitations have been incorporated into Claim 25. Thus, Applicant believes Claim 25, as amended, patentably distinguishes over the art of record. Likewise, Claims 26-30 and 32-37 which ultimately depend from Claim 25 are also believed to patentably distinguish over the art of record. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 38 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuroiwa ('181) in view of Caillat, et al. (Caillat) (U.S. Pat. No. 5,329,788). Claim 38 ultimately depends from Claim 25. As stated above, Claim 25 has been amended and is now believed to patentably distinguish over the art of record. Thus, Claim 38 is also



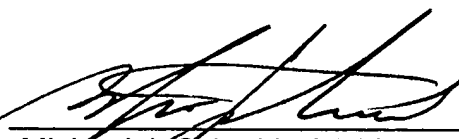
believed to patentably distinguish over the art of record. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 10, 2004

By: 
Michael J. Schmidt, 34,007

HARNESS, DICKEY & PIERCE, P.L.C.
P.O. Box 828
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48303
(248) 641-1600

MJS/pmg